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SUBJECT: R/V ALPHA HELIX RESEARCH VOYAGE III AND IV

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1. EMBASSY HAS ALREADY REQUESTED CLEARANCE IN GENERAL TERMS FOR RESEARCH IN PHILIPPINE WATERS AS OUTLINED REFTEL. ON RECEIPT OF AIRGRAM EXPLAINING PROPOSAL IN DETAIL, WE WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DETAIL TO GOP INCLUDING FACT OF THIRD COUNTRY PARTICIPATION.

2. CONCERNING PHILIPPINE SCIENTIFIC PARTICIPATION IN PROPOSED RESEARCH, DEPARTMENT SHOULD MAKE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR TO SCRIPPS THAT EMBASSY HAS FORMALLY OFFERED TO GOP THE RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION AS PART OF SHIP CLEARANCE PROCESS. THAT RIGHT WOULD PRESUME THE CONCOMITANT RIGHT OF GOP TO CHOOSE THE PARTICIPANTS. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE INDIVIDUAL SCIENTISTS ON BOARD MAY HAVE SPECIAL FRIENDS HERE--AND WE WELCOME THAT KIND OF SCIENTIFIC RELATIONSHIP--IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD AT OUTSET THAT GOP AND NOT SHIP-BOARD SCIENTISTS WILL DETERMINE WHO WILL REPRESENT PHILIPPINES.

3. WE WILL ADVISE GOP INFORMALLY OF SCRIPPS' CONTACT
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WITH INDIVIDUALS NAMED PARA 10, REFTEL. DEPARTMENT

REQUESTED TO ADVISE SCRIPPS THAT FINAL DETERMINATION OF
WHO PARTICIPATES WILL BE MADE BY GOP.
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